

# DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

OCTOBER 2016

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## ***MISSION OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH***

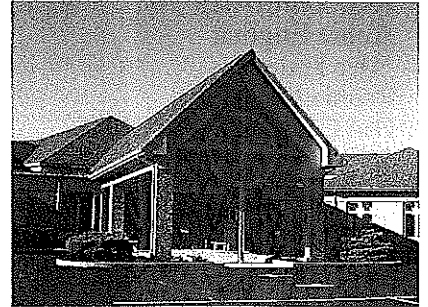
***The mission of this Congregation shall be—***

*To lead people to faith in Jesus Christ.*

*To encourage their active commitment to His service.*

*To facilitate their growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.*

*Further, it shall be our mission to work for the unity of all Christians and to participate in the common task of building the Kingdom of God.*



the months of Remember

November and December are both months of remember-ing. This is not only true because they rhyme with the word "remember", though that is convenient.

These next two months we take time to remember the Cloud of Witnesses and the Host of Saints who have left this life as we observe All Saints on November 6th and our saints living and passed who are Veterans on the 13th.

We take stock and give gratitude for the harvest of another year both literally and for the continued privileges of family and abundance during the secular Holiday of Thanksgiving.

And we move immediately from Thanksgiving into Advent as we remember our liberation through God's entry into this world through Jesus as Christ.

It is easy, and will become increasingly tempting, to get lost in sales and the quest for perfections in all of this. I hope you will struggle alongside me to remember that we are followers of Christ first: before being football fans, before being determined shoppers, before being competitive decorators, before being anxious family members, and before being judges of any kind.

I pray we will struggle alongside each other, be especially kind to one another, and model Christ-like generosity, patience, kindness, and justice-seeking above any and all other concerns during this very distracting but potentially Holy time of year.

blessings,

seth

## PRAYER REQUESTS:



### Comfort in Mourning:

The family of Roger Sherland

### Healing Prayers:

\*Bill Baxter  
Rev. Paul Biery  
Abbie English  
\*Dee Fraley  
Ronnie Fraley  
Dan Ganger  
Sharon Kline  
\*Sam Levos  
Tom Mathers  
Danny Stocker  
Loretta Stocker  
Linda Varner  
Dale Wooten

### Continuing Concerns:

Military: \*Suzanne Reinhart  
Sara Yoder, Tristen Albert

### Others Kept in Ongoing Prayer:

FCC Pastor Search Team  
Deb Belk  
Paul Eiserle  
Mark Fraley  
Deb Maxey  
\*Sandra & Ken Oyler  
Deborah Stout  
Earl Shepherd

\*Denotes Members



### Thank You

Thank you so much for your cards, phone calls, prayers, etc. during my recent recovery from my wrist injury.

I thank everyone for their support.

Love to All

God Bless

Dee Fraley

### Veterans Sunday



November 13th we will be honoring our veterans during the worship service.

### Nursing Home Residents..

\*Georgiana Wilson (Manor House)  
\*John Peeper Jr. (Gardens)  
\*Helen Gunderman--  
(St. Anne's Retirement Comm. Apt. 26)  
\*Bob Unger (Hickory Creek Nursing Home)  
Our homebound  
Gayle Sarver (Gardens)  
Rita Hannah-(Gardens)  
\*Jackie & Paul Eiserle (Millers Merry Manor)

### In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Roger Sherland. Roger passed away recently and is the husband of Bonnie (Bashore) Sherland. Please keep Roger's family in your prayers.

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday November 6th we will be honoring our saints during worship.

### Dear Church Family,

My family had a wonderful birthday party for me. It was a great day. I want to thank my family and all my friends for their best wishes, cards and gifts. What would I do with out you. I love you all.

God Bless,

Sharon

### Thank You

N.O.C.A.C would like to thank the congregation for the support of the food program. They served 2590 lunches to 481 kids. In addition they sent home 86 bags of food for children for week ends. Another successful program that reaches out to the community. Thanks again to all who volunteered.

# FLOWERS



- 11/06/2016 Darla Smith
- 11/13/2016 Kelly Ricker-Marsha Adkins (Honor of Darryl & Shirley Vance's Anniversary)
- 11/20/2016 Tracy Gunderman (Honor of Family)
- 11/27/2016 Tammy Boroff (Memory of Julie Richard & Pat Boroff's Birthday)



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**DEADLINE FOR THE  
DECEMBER DIGEST  
NOVEMBER 15**



### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
9/25/2016	53	2	3	13	73
10/02/2016	51	3	8	8	70
10/09/2016	53	0	8	8	69
10/16/2016	47	0	6	6	59
10/25/2016	49	3	6	11	69

### COUNTERS:

- 11/06/2016 Matt Strayer, Jack Moore, Cindy Grace
- 11/13/2016 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Sandra Bandy
- 11/20/2016 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 11/27/2016 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, Pat Paulus



### BIRTHDAYS

- 11/01 Amber Letso
- 11/03 Dan Workman
- 11/05 Betty Hamman
- 11/05 Zoey Hubbard
- 11/06 Jodi Perl
- 11/07 Dennis Knapp
- 11/11 Roger Nicelley
- 11/11 Lisa Renollet
- 11/11 Jeff Seger
- 11/11 Bill Smith
- 11/12 Preslee Cline
- 11/12 Denise Smith
- 11/17 Andrew Perchikoff
- 11/18 Dawn Carlisle
- 11/19 Tracy Gunderman
- 11/19 Jordan Mudel
- 11/21 Jenifer Nicelley
- 11/22 Shawn Santo
- 11/24 Joe Nicelley
- 11/24 Haleigh Stallbaum
- 11/25 Nicholas Clippinger
- 11/25 Matt Hormann
- 11/27 Trent Daniels
- 11/28 Jason Bandy
- 11/29 Casey Holman
- 11/29 Nelda Seger

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/14 Paul & Jackie Eiserle



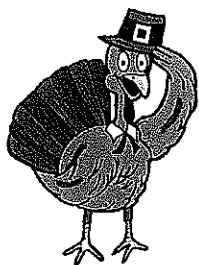
### The meaning of life

The greatest thing is to give thanks for everything. He who has learned this knows what it means to live. He has penetrated the whole mystery of life: giving thanks for everything.

The amount of contributions needed per month  
To meet our yearly budget  
Is \$11363.67

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH Fund Summary September 2016

DATE	TITHES OFFERINGS	FALL FESTIVAL	SIGN FUND	TOTAL
09/04/2016	2,093.00	0.00	100.00	2,193.00
09/12/2016	1,486.00	209.00	0.00	1,695.00
09/17/2016	0.00	1,050.00	0.00	1,050.00
09/18/2016	1,308.00	155.00	0.00	1,463.00
09/19/2016	0.00	4,091.20	0.00	4,091.20
09/25/2016	2,051.00	0.00	100.00	2,151.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,938.00</b>	<b>5,505.20</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>12,643.20</b>



*Susan K. Simpson*  
Financial Secretary, Susan K. Simpson

10/10/16  
Date



## Fall Festival

The Fall Festival net income for this year is \$3617.29. Again thank you to everyone who donated and worked. We had a great year even with the rain.

## T.G.I.F.

Once again there will be a give away for those in need. The actual give away will be on Saturday December 3rd at the extension building.

They are in need of baby to adult clothing, household items (no large furniture please) and Christmas decoration.

If you have items that you would like to donate they can be taken to the Extension building at the fairgrounds November 28-November 30th from 8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. The contact person for this event is Vicki Kadesch.



### Sunday November 27th at 6:00 p.m.

We had such a good time at our bingo nights it has been suggested we continue. We were playing white elephant bingo last year with fabulous prizes brought in by you. So in November we will be playing Turkey Bingo. What is that? Well we need prizes associated with turkey day. Something stuffed, something leftover, something turkey.

Look around your house, I know you have something you don't want anymore. See Denise if you have questions.

## ATTENTION YOUTH



- November 3rd & 10th, 6-9 p.m. Candy making with the DWM
- November 6th Chi/Rho CYF 6-7 ish piñata making/painting (dress for Mess)
- November 13th Chi Rho/CYF more piñata making/painting
- November 17th Chicken Pie/Bazaar 4:30 p.m.
- November 27th-6 p.m. Turkey Bingo
- November 29th-Merry & Bright Parade
- December 11th-All Church Caroling & potluck



## Disciples Women

The Disciples Women met on October 4th for their regular monthly meeting. Devotions were given by Leah Gunderman.

Noodle Making was held two mornings in October. The new noodle maker worked great. What fun we had. The dough was ready ahead of time (thanks Sharon) so the process to cut the noodles only took 2 hours. (30 lbs of flour) There was figuring out a system, donut eating and clean up so we did fill our time both mornings. Can't wait to try this again.

Mark your calendars for :

Candy Making -Nov. 3rd & 10th at 6 p.m.

There is a supply list on the bulletin board if you would like to donated for this project.

Don't forget to be working on your other bazaar items. We will have a pet section and Christmas section. It will be here before we know it.

## Outreach



Almost time for Christmas. We will be sponsoring a mitten tree, adopting 6 families, pick a card, buy a gift, put the card on the wrapped package. We will also collect personal items, cleaning supplies and food for the families. Have fun shopping for some one else. Thank you for your support.

The Defiance Furniture bank is a faith based service organization that receives donations of household items, such as cooking utensils, sheets, blankets, towels, furniture of all kinds.

Anyone can ask for help and shop for the items. They will also pick up items.

Call 419-782-2776

## Addresses & Phone Numbers

Does the office have your correct information?????

If not please get your updates to the office before the end of November.

I hope to have a new directory completed by January. Thanks for your help.

# ANNUAL CHICKEN PIE/STEAK SUPPER

## NOVEMBER 17TH

4:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Cost:\$7.00 adults  
\$4.00 children 5-12  
Children 4 and under free

## Annual Bazaar

November 17th

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.

Please use main entrance

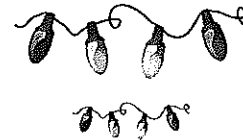


Baked Goods -Crafts- Homemade Noodles  
Hard Candy- Pet Items  
Christmas Items



### Congregational Meeting

Sunday November 20th we will be holding our annual congregational meeting following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the 2017 budget and the 2017 officers. All church members are encouraged to attend.



Merry & Bright Parade  
November 29th  
6:00 p.m.

Our youth will be participating in the parade sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce

### **Prayer chain**

If you would like to a member of the prayer chain please let the office or Leah Gunderman know. The prayer chain is activated when we are notified of someone in need of immediate prayer.

### **Deacon meeting**

November 13th following worship there will be a meeting in the fellowship hall for all 2017 deacons.

### **Flowers Calendar 2017**

The 2017 calendar will be out soon. In an effort to make it easier for me to keep track of who has paid for their flowers and the date I have discussed with the worship team and the financial secretary a new plan for the new year. When you sign up for your flowers you will need to pay for them at that time. There will be envelopes for you to put your name the date you signed up for and your money. You can then drop the envelope in the box marked flowers. This will eliminate trying to find me on Sunday morning or worrying about leaving things on my desk or forgetting to pay because you weren't here. I appreciate your help with this new plan.

Denise

### **Sign Project**

We are underway with the sign project. The electrical line has been completed. We are currently waiting for the sign company to arrive. We have collected \$22170.00 toward this project. The cost of the sign is approximately \$30000. If you would like to donate toward the completion on the project it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for continuing to support this congregation as we move forward in ministry.

### **Committee Members**

Have you considered servicing on one of the various church committees? If you would like to be a member of Christian Education, Worship/Membership, Memorial, Outreach, contact Vice Chair, Matt Strayer or someone on the committee you are interested in.

### **Sunday School Teachers**

Teachers are needed to teach the new curriculum. Everything you need is provided. Christy Stoller is glad to assist in getting everyone started with the classes. We have a class for 5 yrs old-3rd grade and a 2 nd class for 4th gr to 6th grade. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you so much for helping us provide this ministry for the children.

### **A Night of Music**

November 13th  
6 p.m.

Members of FCC will be sharing their music at this event which will be held at the Pauiding Nazarene Church on Dooley Dr. Please come and enjoy this ecumenical time of music.



**SERVERS—November 2016**

**ELDERS:**

Matt Strayer (bread)  
Bruce Gunderman (cup)  
Dan Workman (shut-in communion)

Reminder: Elders are responsible for doors, lights and making sure fans are off on Sunday Mornings.

**DIACONATE (Deacons):**

\*Suzy Strayer Darwin Riley  
Susan Knapp Lily Knapp  
Joan Tope Devon Smith  
Josh Lero Klair Hoover

\*Please contact Suzy if you are not able to serve.

Deacons please sit in the back two pews to serve communion. Thank You.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Max Hibbard

**PREPARE COMMUNION:** Ursula & Darwin Riley

(Clean up, pick up empty cups, please put communion in the Sunday Sch Rm for the teacher.)

**GREETER:** David Boroff & Ursula Riley

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** age 5-3rd gr.- Nicole Harris Nov. 6 & 13 No Teacher-Nov. 20 & 27  
Fourth-sixth grade-Denise Renollet & Paul Long-Nov.6,13,20,27

**NURSERY:** The nursery is available for parents to use during worship.

**READ SCRIPTURE:** 11/06/2016 Deb Santo-Psalm 145: 1-7  
11/13/2016 Leah Gunderman-Isaiah 12: 1-2  
11/20/2016 Darwin Riley-Psalm 46: 4-7  
11/27/2016 Larry Grace- Matthew 1: 1-3

















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EVERY SUNDAY 9:00 A.M. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE  
 10:00 A. M. CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



BELL CHOIR FOLLOWING WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY

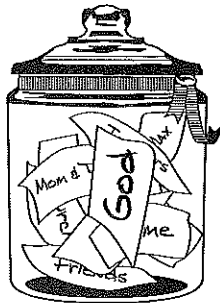
# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>"Anyone who truly loves God travels securely."  <i>St. Teresa of Avila</i></p>	<p>I ♥ GOD</p>	<p>1            DISCIPLES WOMEN MEET-10:00 A.M.             CH. ED-6 P.M.</p>	<p>2            BIBLE STUDY-10 A.M.              JOYFUL NOISES-7P.M. </p>	<p>3            CANDY MAKING-6-9P.M.             HARD CANDY</p>	4	5
<p>6 DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS            ALL SAINTS SUNDAY            SERMON: NEW SONG            SCRIPTURE: PSALM 145:1-21            PSALM-98             CHI RHO/CYF-6 P.M.</p>	7	<p>8            ELECTION DAY   </p>	<p>9            BIBLE STUDY-10 A.M.             THE GARDEN'S SERVICE-1:30 P.M.            CONSTITUTION MEETING-6-7 P.M.            JOYFUL NOISES-7P.M. </p>	<p>10            WORSHIP/MEMBERSHIP—6 P.M.             CANDY MAKING-6-9P.M.             HARD CANDY</p>	<p>11            VETERANS DAY   </p>	12
<p>13            SERMON: NOT THE POINT            SCRIPTURE: ISALAH 12: 1-6            LUKE 21: 5-19            DEACON MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP            KINGDOM KIDS/CHI RHO/CYF-6 P.M.</p>	<p>14            FINANCE MEETING            6:30 P.M.</p>	<p>15            PASTORIAL CARE MEETING- 6:30 P.M.             BOARD MEETING- 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>16            BIBLE STUDY-10 A.M.              JOYFUL NOISES-7P.M. </p>	<p>17            BAZAAR-8AM-1PM            4:30 P-7 P.M.            CHICKEN PIE/STEAK SUPPER            4:30-7P.M.</p>	18	<p>19            MEN'S MEETING-8:30 A.M. —AT THE CHURCH             SANTO-FELLOWSHIP HALL</p>
<p>20 ELDERS 8:30 A.M..            SERMON: OUR TRUE HOPE            SCRIPTURE: PSALM 46:4-11            COLOSSIANS 1:11-20            CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP</p>	21	22	<p>23            BIBLE STUDY-10 A.M.              JOYFUL NOISES-7P.M. </p>	<p>24            HAPPY THANKSGIVING   </p>	25	26
<p>27 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT            SERMON: TWO STORIES ALIKE IN DIGNITY            SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 1:1-17            LUKE 1:5-25            BINGO-6 P.M. </p>	28	<p>29            MERRY &amp; BRIGHT PARADE-6 P.M.            YOUTH GROUPS PARTICIPATING   </p>	<p>30            BIBLE STUDY-10 A.M.              JOYFUL NOISES-7P.M. </p>	<p>Fill my heart with faith-,dear Jesus -especially when life is challenging and trust comes hard.</p>		



# BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



## What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen



## What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.



# Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

*Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.*

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" All \_\_\_\_\_ "

28:2, NIV

Answer: "All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV

## Bible Quiz

Fill in the blank to complete this verse from a psalm of thanksgiving: "Bless the LORD, O my \_\_\_\_\_, and forget not all his benefits."

- A. people
- B. soul
- C. heart
- D. children



Answer: B (See Psalm 103:2, ESV)

